

## **Children's Health Program Update**

### **How many children were randomly selected?**

The department received 7,698 applications during the "day one" application time frame. This number of applications represented 13,440 children. The program only has funding available for 4,300 children. On December 29, 2005 the department randomly selected 2,460 "day one" applications to offer coverage to 4,300 children.

### **When will I hear if my children were selected?**

The eligibility system used to approve this program was not available until January 17, 2006 and the department began approving children selected on this date. The department's plan is to process all 2,460 applications selected by February 15, 2006. Those selected should receive an approval or letter requesting more information by February 24, 2006.

### **What do I do if I receive a letter requesting additional information?**

You must respond within the requested time frame. If information requested is not provided your child's request for medical will be denied. If you have questions or need more time to provide the information please call the worker at the number provided on the letter you received.

### **When will Children not Selected be notified?**

Children not randomly selected will be placed on a waiting list. Letters to notify families that their child has been placed on the waiting list will start being mailed in late February. Since there are over 10,000 children on the waiting list it may take until late April to notify all families.